

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested. Entry of the Amendment under Rule 116 is merited as it raises no new issues, requires no further search and places the application in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-6, 10-16 and 18 remain pending in the application. Claims 7-9 and 17 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1-6, 10-16 and 18 stand allowed.

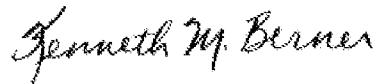
Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are now in condition for allowance. Early and favorable indication of allowance is courteously solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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